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RIOTING IS TRACED TO KENNEDY DEATH

Mock Trial Is Told Slaying Triggered Overt Violence

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) —The assassination of President John F. Kennedy was described today by a student of agitation and propaganda as one of the underlying causes of the urban riots of recent years.

Testifying at a three-day mock trial of international communism sponsored by anti-Communist groups, Edward S. Butler of New Orleans and Los Angeles said the slaying had triggered an appetite for overt violence in many "revolutionaries."

"It smashed the highest symbol of authority in the country," he said. "Revolutionaries all over the country looked up and said, 'We can get away with murder.'"

Mr. Butler, 33 years old, is executive vice president of the Information Council of the Americas, which he described as a private organization that keeps tabs on propaganda and agitation cmpaigns in the Western Hemisphere.

Although Mr. Butler said various Communist purposes had been served by the assassination he did not attempt to ascribe it to a Communist plot, nor did he mention any Communist connection with the riots in the cities.

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